

COMING SOON The Hummingbird Healing Center will soon open at 1580 Nursery Way in McKinleyville.

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❖ GREEN RUSH

McK's 2nd cannabis dispensary approved

Daniel Mintz
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MCKINLEYVILLE – Once a target of federal pressure, the Hummingbird Healing Center cannabis dispensary will re-establish itself in McKinleyville's business center.

A conditional use permit for Hummingbird was approved by the county's Planning Commission at its March 15 meeting. Hummingbird will sell medicinal and adult use cannabis products out of a 2,235-square-foot suite at 1580 Nursery Way, which is near the intersection of Central Avenue and Nursery Way.

Hummingbird was permitted by the county in 2011 at its former location in the Eureka area's Myrtle-town Shopping Center. The dispensary closed the following year after the federal Department of Justice sent a warning letter to its landlord.

California was settling its own legal take on local government authority to regulate cannabis despite it being federally illegal. The county froze its permitting as a high court case was litigated.

The state's Supreme Court dismissed a previous decision favoring federal preemption and the county re-opened permitting under a medical cannabis dispensary ordinance approved in 2015.

According to a written staff report, Hummingbird's vision extends beyond cannabis. "Hummingbird Healing Center (HHC) is planning on having a massage therapist and yoga instructor in the future," the staff report states. "The long term goal of HHC is to create a full service wellness center for the entire community."

Hummingbird is the second dispensary to be ap-

DISPENSARY ❖ A2

Federal agents take Baby Jesus

Homeland Security comes to Arcata, will repatriate statue

Jack Durham
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ARCATA – Two special agents from U.S. Homeland Security arrived in Humboldt County last week, took possession of a 200-year-old statue of Baby Jesus and may soon reunite it with the church in Mexico where it originally came from.

At the meeting Friday, March 16 at Congressman Jared Huffman's office in Eureka, Arcata resident Marie Escher gave the hand-carved, wooden Niño Dios, which has been in her family for more than 100 years, to Homeland Security Special Agents David Keller and Joe Hong. The agents, who drove

up to Humboldt from their San Francisco office and returned the same day, work for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Cultural Property, Arts and Antiquities Program, which helps return looted or stolen artifacts and other cultural heritage items to their countries of origin.

Handing over the statue was a happy and emotional moment, said Escher, who is 87 years old and has been on a quest to repatriate Baby Jesus to the Mexican city of Guanajuato for about a decade.

"I feel exhausted and relieved and delighted," Escher said. "Everything is splendid. baby Jesus is on his way." **STATUE ❖ A6**



NIÑO DIOS Marie Escher with the 200-year-old statue. JACK DURHAM | UNION



TAKING IT TO THE STREETS About 300 students from Arcata High, McKinleyville High and North Coast Preparatory Academy came to the Arcata Plaza Wednesday, March 14 to protest in favor of gun control and to hold a vigil in remembrance of the 17 who died during a mass shooting Feb. 14 at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. The names of those who died were read aloud, followed by a minute of silence for each victim. Another event is planned for Saturday, March 24. Marchers will assemble at noon at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. for one hour of speeches and music, followed by a march to the Arcata Plaza and back. There will be an opportunity for sign and button making starting at 11:30 a.m. "We are planning this march to spread our views on gun regulation because we don't want to die in school," stated Mira O'Barr, March for Our Lives Humboldt organizer.

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New agency to assist cannabis banking

Daniel Mintz
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HUMBOLDT – Humboldt County has joined a new state joint powers authority that will be a storehouse of cannabis finance data for ensuring compliance and assisting financial institutions. The county is the third to join the newly-developed California Cannabis Authority, which is sponsored by the California State Association of Counties (CSAC). The new agency will be made up of counties but it will share cannabis-related data with cities in an effort to track an industry that's entering a new phase of state regulation.

The state's cannabis licensing system began operating on Jan. 1 and CSAC recognized local government's

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—John Bartholomew

need for information on cannabis cultivation sites and point of sale and taxation data.

As cannabis revenue flows, there will be an increasing need for banking but as CSAC's Cara Martinson explained at the March 13 Board of Supervisors meeting, banks and other

financial institutions face issues with federal laws that define cannabis as a controlled substance.

She told supervisors that the legal environment is changing but banks need assurance that cannabis-related accounts can be checked for compliance with banking rules and state licensing.

"We're seeking solutions to the sheer fact that we're going to be dealing with a lot of cash," she said, adding that "to help get over the hump for those folks that are interested in working with the industry, data from a government entity can help them fulfill their compliance obligations and cut down on that cost."

Checking on compliance will

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Big economic summit in Fortuna Thursday

ARCATA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
FORTUNA – Twenty representatives from communities and agencies in Humboldt County will be at the Prosperity Network Economic Development Forum to give updates on the economic development opportunities, challenges and projects in areas throughout Humboldt.

The event will be held at the River Lodge in Fortuna on Thursday, March 22 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The day promises to be fast paced, and packed with

useful information about projects throughout the county. Presenters will represent various communities and agencies throughout Humboldt County including: the City of Arcata; Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria; City of Blue Lake; Blue Lake Rancheria; CalTrans; City of Eureka; City of Ferndale; City of Fortuna; Garberville and Southern Humboldt; Hoopa; Humboldt Bay Harbor Recreation and Conservation District; Humboldt County Office of Economic Development; Humboldt

County Airports; Labor Market Information Division; McKinleyville; Redwood Coast Energy Authority; City of Rio Dell; Scotia Community Development Service; and the Yurok Tribe.

“Humboldt County is made up of individual communities that have their own economic development challenges and goals, but we still make up one county that benefits from sharing ideas and resources,” said Susan Seaman, program director for Arcata Economic Development Corpo-

ration and coordinator for the forum. “This year, the committee wanted to be as comprehensive as possible as we selected presenters and we’re thrilled with the response. By the end of this event, an attendee will have a very good idea about the trends in economic development throughout the county.”

Registration includes a continental breakfast and lunch for \$20. To register, go to aedc1.org or call Susan Seaman at (707) 798-6132 ext. 212.

Former HSU offensive lineman Brandon Hribar dies

HSU ATHLETICS
ARCATA – Former Humboldt State offensive lineman Brandon Hribar passed away last Monday.

The Encinitas, Calif., native spent three seasons with the Lumberjacks (2009-11) after transferring from Division IAA Western Carolina University. Hribar played both tackle positions for the Green and Gold and was an important piece to HSU's high-powered offense.

"He was a larger than life guy, a gentle giant that blossomed into a

tremendous player," said Strength and Conditioning Coach Drew Petersen. "He had his two very best games in 2011 against Central Washington on national television and the UC Davis game. He was a great guy and a wonderful mentor to the young kids. I am very saddened by his loss." In Hribar's final season with the Jacks, he helped the team to a 9-1 record and a 23-17 win over UC Davis.



Brandon Hribar

"When I think back about Humboldt State football there are a few faces that always come to mind, and Hribar was definitely one of those faces," said Head Athletic Trainer Shannon Childs. "His happy-go-lucky personality and his big sideways smile was infectious. He was truly a gentle giant, and I am proud to say that he was and always will be a Lumberjack."

Dispensary | More than just a pot store

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proved for the area, as the Satori Wellness Center operates at 1551 Nursery Way. A third dispensary, Calyx Mountain, has a pending permit application for 1715 Central Ave..

The county's staff report states that the McKinleyville Union School District submitted written comments opposing approval of Hummingbird's permit due to the federal controlled substance status of cannabis.

But the county report also notes that the district confirmed that Hummingbird's location is not within 600

feet of a school bus stop.

Hummingbird's hours of operation will be 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week.

Security will include a high definition camera system and a full-time onsite security officer. A second security employee will check ID cards and, in the case of medical cannabis, doctor's recommendations at the door.

Hummingbird's permit application outlines its aim to "eventually act as a social support center and a site for community-focused projects, classes and support groups."

According to the application, "Medical research has shown that those who suffer from chronic and debilitating illnesses benefit from frequent interactions with knowledgeable and caring individuals who, in turn, can act as resources and friends."

State voters approved general adult use cannabis several months after Hummingbird's application was received by the county. An amendment to the dispensary ordinance allowed recreational adult use, which has been added to Hummingbird's permitted activities.

Its permit was on the commission's consent agenda of routine items and was approved without discussion.

Banking | Supes join group

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also be useful to local governments, Martinson said.

County Treasurer-Tax Collector John Bartholomew is a member of CSAC's Cannabis Working Group and he said that cash is – problematically – the main method of cannabis excise tax payments.

"The banking problem with cannabis is huge," he said. "Crime and a lot of nasty things happen in counties because of all the cash sloshing around in back yards and who knows where."

He told supervisors that the new joint powers authority

will "create a base of information and down the road, I really believe that banking may be facilitated because of the information that will be collected here."

Bartholomew noted that the current federal administration is "not conducive to cannabis" but enabling banks to be informed about account-holders' compliance will enable them to work with the cannabis industry.

Supervisors approved membership in the new agency. They also appointed Supervisor Estelle Fennell as the county's representative.

Fennell was not at the meeting but was chosen due to her being the co-chair of CSAC's Cannabis Working Group. Bartholomew was appointed as Fennell's alternate. Martinson said the new agency will hold its first meeting on March 22, is working with data consultants from Colorado and will enter into an agreement with the state this summer on sharing cannabis seed to sale track and trace data.

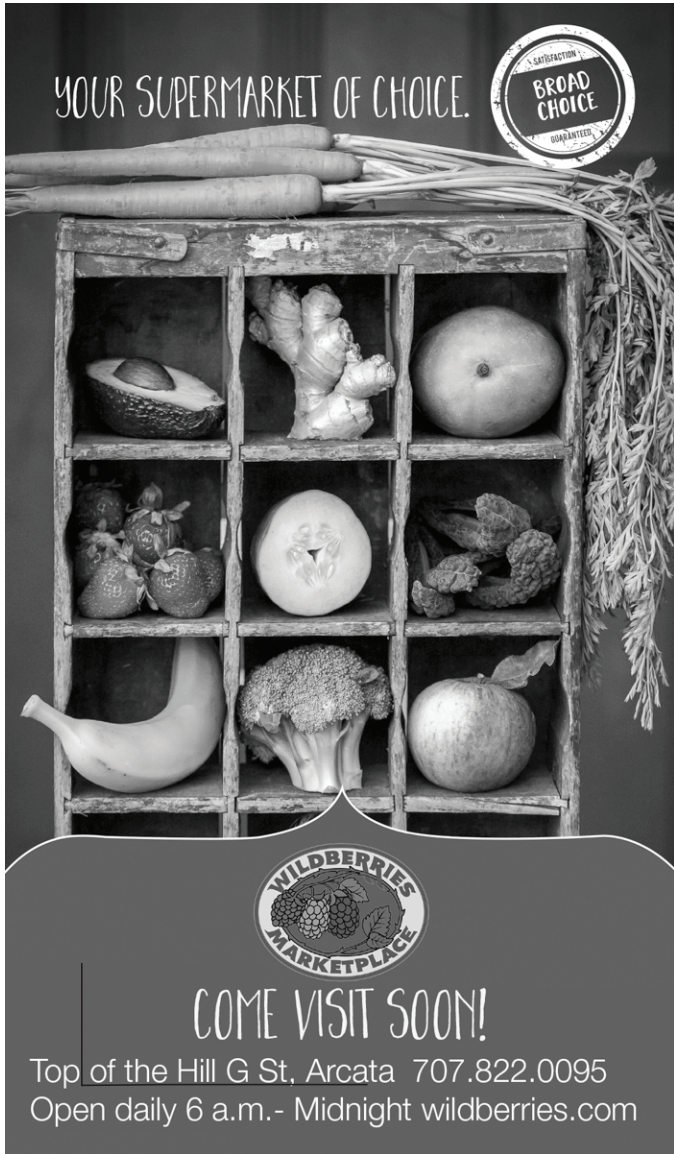
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❖ MCKINLEY STATUE

City Council meets at Community Center

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ARCATA – The Wednesday, March 21 City Council meeting today is described as “special” on its official agenda, likely because the subject matter – a 112-year-old hunk of bronze – has forced the meeting to be held at the Arcata Community Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. The council meeting begins at 6 p.m.

The agenda includes some routine matters, such as the Annual Report by the Economic Development Committee, consideration of the Western Greenbelt Plan, a committee appointment and ceremonial matters.

On the Consent Calendar is a wrongful death claim by the parents of Ervin Sweat Jr., the man shot to death by police on the Plaza on Sept. 9, 2017. The claim, which will be routinely rejected and sent to the city's insurance carrier for evaluation, asks for damages “in excess of \$75,000.” Named in the claim are the City of Arcata and APD and HSU police officers. The claim alleges that officers were “negligent and malicious in their dealings with Decedent Ervin Sweat, Jr., and used excessive force against him by shooting him and killing him.”

The first item under Old Business is “Consider a Voting Process to Assess the Community's Preference for a New Location for the President William McKinley Statue.”

The last meeting that included the statue as an agenda item, on Feb. 21, saw the City Council Chamber packed to capacity, mostly with anti-statue advocates clamoring for removal of the longtime Plaza fixture. Notes a staff report, “The statue has been the subject of much discussion and debate spanning over several decades.” The City Council has met at the Community Center in years past in order to accommodate crowds, on controversial matters of homelessness and corporate regulation.

At the March 7 City Council meeting, during the normally dry Council and Staff Reports segment, Councilmember Susan Ornelas offered a written “suggestion” (see below) that the council consider a multiple-choice advisory ballot measure listing preferences for the statue's post-Plaza destination. Among the nine listed options is the “Plaza Center,” where the statue is located now.

A staff report states that “Initial review with the Humboldt County Elections Office indicates that the Humboldt County voting system cannot produce a ballot that would allow for the type of vote we are requesting. For ballot initiatives in the county's voting system, the question must be answered with a simple yes or no vote. An update on the options for processing the vote will be presented at the council meeting.”

The staff report says that more detail on costs associated with the ballot measure will be presented at the meeting, adding that “An additional measure on the November ballot would add approximately \$5,000 to the cost of the election. Arcata currently has 9,611 registered voters. A mail-in or staff-supervised election process that required either manual counting of the votes or staffing a computer system to administer the vote would cost more than adding a vote to the November ballot. It is estimated that the cost to print and mail ballots to each registered voter is approximately \$6,000.”

Back to the plaque
Last Thursday's meeting of the Historic Landmarks Committee (HLC) included appointment of a two-person subcommittee to develop language for a new plaque to replace the one recently removed from the corner of Eighth and H streets.

The plaque indicated the Historic Landmark designation for the Jacoby Building, but was removed for its misleading reference to “Indian troubles.”

HLC Chair Don Tuttle said he and member William Rich will consult with the Wiyot Tribe and the owners of the Jacoby Building in formulating more appropriate language. “We'll have to see what's acceptable to all parties,” Tuttle said.

Dialogue on Race

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ARCATA – In memory of David Josiah Lawson, the City of Arcata will be supporting a safe space for a Community Dialogue on Race on Thursday, March 22 at 5:30 p.m.

Members of the community will be coming together in an informal setting to help bring awareness to local racial discrimination and to discuss ideas on how our community can make progress and improve.

All community members are encouraged to attend and share their ideas.

The discussion will be facilitated by Pastor Roger Williams and will take place at the D Street Neighborhood Center located at 1301 D St. in Arcata.

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Beer-flinger's belongings take lawn-bound flight

• **Sunday, February 25 12:56 a.m.** It's no secret that those two don't like each other, and the latest clash had to do with one stealing the other's dog. The dog's owner supposedly kicked the rustler in the face and accused her of the poochnapping.

• **Monday, February 26 4:02 a.m.** A red-haired man who'd stolen roses from a Valley West store then tried to sell them to customers. The flower-empowered entrepreneur was forever banished.

8:45 p.m. In his drunken alternative reality, the man all a-slumber in the doorway to a popular Plaza bar would stand, er, lie his ground, on the ground, just outside the front entrance, and that would be that, with him covered in blankets and off to dreamland while customers were both trapped inside and blocked from entry. However, a drunk in public arrest made this plan unsustainable.

• **Tuesday, February 27 a.m.** Henry Krinkle, or his scheming lookalike with shaven head, tootats and camouflage jacket, stole the sole remaining piece to complete his outlaw getup – a bad-guy black hat – from a groovy Alliance Road thrift store, then disappeared.

• **Wednesday, February 28 12:26 a.m.** While the world around him goes to hell in a handbasket, the shoplifter who strode out of a Uniontown supermarket bearing a load of unpaid-for groceries was headed for that same destination with his ill-gotten handbasket.

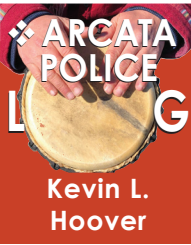
• **Thursday, March 1 9:59 a.m.** A man wrapped in a blue blanket disrupted retail eroticism outside a Northtown pleasure center with his screaming.

• **Friday, March 2 1:43 a.m.** Area trash cans suffered the wrath of a kicky yellingman at 13th and Q streets, who howled and applied his foot to the helpless waste receptacles.

1:23 p.m. Two cars parked on 10th Street lost their side mirrors overnight. Not the whole assembly; someone just pried the mirrors out of their casing.

3:19 p.m. A woman came to the door of a Susan Street residence with some nosy questions for the resident, such as "Who is home with you?" The woman tried to get into the house on the premise that she was "looking for her dog." After laughing at the resident, the needy she-strangling went away.

• **Saturday, March 3 9:13 a.m.** According to his version, the strife began with her causing an argument. He then hurled beer at her, escalating things to the point where his possessions took flight en route to the front lawn.



• **Sunday, March 4 12:05 p.m.** A Uniontown supermarket used to dealing with shoplifters now had a guy in a passion-purple jacket doing some self-pleasuring out front. He was arrested for indecent exposure, making it less of a gross-ery store.

• **Monday, March 5 10:19 p.m.** An Alliance Road religious worship facility reported finding pools of blood and a bloody jacket in the parking lot.

• **Tuesday, March 6 7:24 a.m.** Someone sat in the parking lot of a 13th Street store wearing a "full face mask" and sunglasses.

• **Wednesday, March 7 12:13 a.m.** Unknown menacers voiced threats to lodgers at two Valley West motels through vents in the rooms.

9:43 a.m. Someone had some kind of unfortunate encounter with an 11th Street church's groundskeeper, and it left the person feeling upset.

12:33 p.m. A woman in a camo jacket sat in the middle of L.K. Wood Boulevard, staring up at the sky.

12:37 p.m. A man lurking behind a Valley West pizza parlor had two visible possessions – a cardboard sign and a bicycle. It was the latter that he chose to throw at passing cars.

• **Thursday, March 8 6:48 p.m.** A malfunctioning ex-boyfriend unit turned up at the former girlfriend's restaurant workplace to further endear himself to her by unleashing the contents of a fire extinguisher in the kitchen.

7:26 p.m. The unhinged swain returned, setting off a fire alarm and gibbering nonsensically about rats.

8:01 p.m. A veterinarian attempting to respond to an animal emergency at her work found two surly, sexist sluggards camping in the doorway. They refused to leave, instead making sexual comments. They were arrested on public drunkenness charges.

• **Friday, March 9 7:48 a.m.** A man with a handkerchief over his face drove up to a G Street bank, got out of the car, looked at an ATM, then hopped back in the car and drove off.

9:44 p.m. It's almost as though the ceaseless, brain-throttling drumming on the Plaza interferes with the sleep of hotel guests.

• **Saturday, March 10 10:02 a.m.** A man sat in his car in the 11th Street Redwood Park parking lot, wearing a black mask.

• **Sunday, March 11 10:42 a.m.** The masked man was back, now in the 14th Street Redwood Park lot, still hiding his face and now in the company of a young girl.

Trail of taken togs leads to \$4K hidey-shed stash

ARCATA POLICE DEPT.

ARCATA – On Monday, March 12, the Arcata Police Department was alerted to a commercial burglary in progress in the 900 block of H Street.

Upon the officers' arrival they discovered the front glass door of the business had been broken out. The officers checked the interior of the business and did not locate anyone inside.

The officers expanded their search and located items of clothing consistent with those taken from the business lying in the street. Additional suspected stolen property was located a few hundred yards further down the street. The officers continued to follow a trail of dropped items ending at a small storage shed in the 1000 block of Seventh Street.

Suspecting the burglar might be hiding in the shed, the officers gave verbal commands instructing anyone inside to come out. A man ran from the shed and led officers on a foot pursuit that ended with the man's apprehension near the intersection of Eighth and K streets.

Zachariah Joseph Powell, 24, of Arcata was arrested and booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on suspicion of burglary and resisting a peace officer.

The stolen merchandise, valued at over \$4,000, was recovered from the shed where Powell had been hiding.



Zachariah Joseph Powell

Cops, ABC tackle underage drinking

HSU POLICE DEPT.

ARCATA – University Police assisted agents from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) and officers from more than 70 local police and sheriff's departments during a statewide underage drinking enforcement operation designed to create awareness of underage drinking and also protect California's youth while increasing public safety.

Officers arrested or cited 364 individuals during the statewide operation. There were citations for 286 individuals who allegedly provided alcoholic beverages to minors. Twenty-six were cited for open containers and 52 were either cited or taken into custody for various crimes such as outstanding warrants, illegal drugs, public drunkenness, or DUI.

UPD Sergeant Janelle Jackson worked with ABC Agent Bret Ajax during the statewide "Decoy Shoulder Tap" efforts. During the operation, officers visited numerous licensed premises in Arcata and McKinleyville. One person was cited for providing alcohol to a minor. Two others were arrested and booked at the Humboldt County Correctional Facility for numerous charges.

Under Decoy Shoulder Tap, a minor supervised by a peace officer stands outside a liquor or convenience store and asks patrons to buy them alcohol. The minor indicates in some way he or she is underage and cannot purchase the alcohol. If the adults agree, and purchase alcohol for the minor, officers then arrest and cite them for furnishing alcohol to the minor. The penalty for furnishing alcohol to a minor is a minimum \$1,000 fine and 24 hours of community service. The program is intended to reduce the availability of alcohol to minors.

The goal of the operation was to raise awareness about the dangers of underage drinking and make it clear to adults who buy alcohol for minors that there are serious consequences. The operation was also an effort to build safer and stronger communities by holding individuals accountable for illegal activity that creates harm.

"Unfortunately over 4,000 young people die in alcohol-related tragedies every year in this country," said ABC Director Jacob Appelsmith.

Many local operations were funded by the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control through the department's Grant Assistance Program, and some were funded by the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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APD officer injured trying to help man

ARCATA POLICE

ARCATA – On Friday, March 16 at 6:44 a.m., Arcata Police Department officers were dispatched to a report of a theft which had just occurred from a business at 5000 Valley West Boulevard.

Upon arrival, officers' attempted to contact the subject in a vehicle, which was parked in the parking lot. The male locked himself in the vehicle and refused to comply with officer's orders to exit the vehicle or roll down his windows.

As officers spoke to the male through the vehicle's window, the man retrieved a knife from inside his vehicle and started to cut his neck.

Officers broke the passenger's side window of the vehicle in order to gain

access and attempt to stop him from further harming himself. Officers were able to take the knife from the male, however during the struggle an Arcata Police Officer sustained a laceration to his hand.

The male subject, who was later identified as Christopher Michael Slocum, 45, of Clayton, Indiana, was arrested and transported to Mad River Community Hospital where he was treated for self-inflicted injuries. Slocum was booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on one count of obstructing or resisting an executive officer.

The injured Arcata Police officer was transported to Mad River Community Hospital where he was treated and later released.

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OPINION

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- Make paragraphs every once in a while.
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Apparently there's something going on with McKinley?

City Council, keep your word

I am writing as a voter and citizen of the City of Arcata, regarding the council vote and decision to remove the President McKinley statue.

I support removing the President McKinley statue because he does not belong in the heart of Arcata in my opinion. I believe the history of President McKinley is important, regardless of his actions or his moral standing, but because it is our past; this something to learn from and value. However, I grew up in Virginia, surrounded by names and symbols of the Confederate nation. I still have Boy Scout patches I was awarded as a child with Confederate flags on them.

❖ LETTERS

To the point, our nation grows and changes as the emerging generations come of age. We live in a country that strives to be fair and democratic. I am happy to converse with those who have options that are drastically different than mine. There is certain to be President Trump statues, a library and variety of other symbols commemorating his presidency. I think he is an idiot, I do not like him, but that is just an opinion.

The City Council voted to remove the President McKinley statue. If they do not honor this vote, they better have a critical reason to re-vote. We just changed our mind, or the folks that want to keep the statue just didn't show up doesn't cut it!

Look folks, we barely have a 50 percent voting attendance record in the United States; we don't say Trump can't be president because not enough people showed up to vote. The council meeting was well advertised and publicly open, one could even give feedback online, as I did, and not even show up for the meeting.

If the word and honor of the City Council is to be preserved, if they actually want to be re-elected, I think its important to be extremely mindful of democracy and every decision made.

Dan Bixler
Arcata

Volume isn't wisdom

I have been publicly silent on the issue of removing the McKinley statue, but the Arcata City Council's recent vote for removal was just too much for me to swallow. I agree with Michael Winkler, Dan Hauser and others that the council succumbed to the loud voices from those who spoke at various meetings.

Loudness does not confer representation, and this is not the way to govern on such an issue in a diverse city such as ours. I am quite disappointed with the council majority to have decided as they did with so little input.

I have done some research on our 25th president and he doesn't seem to be the bad dude he's been made out to be by some. No leader, including those few most cherished, has a blemish-free record, including Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, Kennedy and others.

Sadly, we live in a time when citizens are divided by a few hot-button issues when there are more things we can agree on than we realize. It's like the Venn Diagrams we learned about in grade school, and we overlap more than we diverge, but the overlap is downplayed in a cynical ploy to hyper-partisanize the public. To yield to the loudest among us and ignore the rest only divides us further. Just "another brick in the wall," to quote Pink Floyd.

I would like the statue to remain where it is. Yes, he is an older white man (bronze, actually) in the depiction, but he has a kindly demeanor, with his hand outstretched. And we have that endearing story of the missing thumb, the reward, and the eventual return to its rightful owner's right hand.

If a vote is to decide the issue, then make it part of the next official ballot, not some sort of special mail in thing that will likely have low participation. This is a big issue for Arcatans and the more that make their voices heard, the better.

Randy Klein
Arcata

Advo-zealots have work to do

Now that the foot soldiers from the Ministry of Truth have succeeded in badgering the City Council to remove the iconic statue of former President William McKinley from the City Plaza, this troop of zealots may want to march forward and "finish the job."

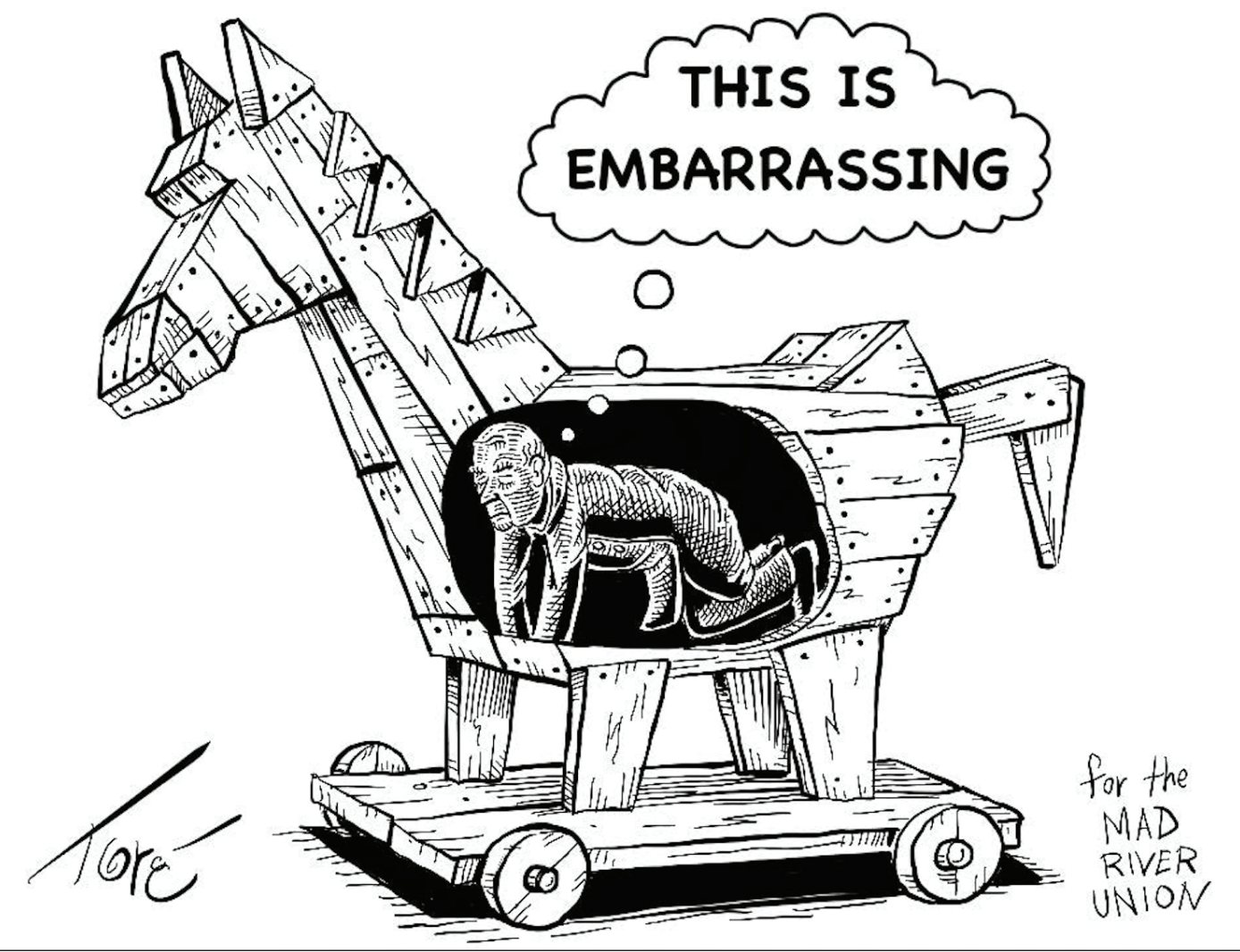
Within the various bookstores and thrift stores (not to mention the Public Library) throughout the town, there is undoubtedly a large body of manuscripts, likenesses, old *National Geographic* magazines and other materials that contain the thoughts and prejudices of other 19th and early 20th Century figures whose views were equally archaic.

Such famous individuals whose writings at times reflected unacceptable (by current Arcata standards) thinking could include Theodore Roosevelt, Margaret Sanger, Booker T. Washington and Abraham Lincoln, among many others.

In place of the statue, I suggest a large fire pit, where these undesirable written works could be properly incinerated to the enjoyment of the populace.

As the advo-zealots search the town and collect the fuel for this sacrificial rite, they might want to wear brown shirts with distinctive logos so that their public service can be recognized by all.

Carl R. Ochsner
Chico



News item: Arcata mayor calls councilmember's proposed ballot measure on relocating the McKinley statue a "Trojan Horse" to finagle a way to keep it.

What Bob left out of his column

In his guest opinion "McKinley – history tells us he was above average, not a monster" (*Union*, March 14), Bob Holcomb correctly states that the Dawes Act [legal codification allowing white "settlers" to steal land from Native Americans] was signed into law by President Cleveland.

Why does he not mention The Act for the Protection of the People of Indian Territory introduced by Curtis, (R) Kansas and signed into law by President McKinley June 28, 1898? This act amended the Dawes Act: abolition of tribal governments of the five "civilized" tribes and establishment of inholdings for whites to be completed by March 1906 – effectively extending all parts of the Dawes Act to an additional 90 million acres immediately with the loss of more land to follow.

Mr. Holcomb questions the historical knowledge of Arcata residents who want the McKinley statue removed from the Plaza. Why does he not mention the Anti-Imperialist League, a widespread movement in the U.S. opposed to overseas empire that started during the lead up to the Spanish-American War and the Philippine native's insurgency, 1898-1899?

Members of the Anti-Imperialist League included Andrew Carnegie, Grover Cleveland, well known social activists like Jane Addams, Samuel Gompers, Booker T. Washington, Mark Twain; this movement cannot be characterized as "extremist." President McKinley had a choice – to expand overseas or not to expand; he chose to expand overseas and to lead us on our course of global imperialism.

According to Stephen Kinzer in *The True Flag: Theodore Roosevelt, Mark Twain and the Birth of American Empire*, 2017, the treaty codifying the U.S. take-over of Philippines, Guam, Puerto Rico, sparked a 34-day debate in the Senate and passed the two-thirds required majority by one vote; following legal challenges SCOTUS upheld the treaty by a five to four vote.

Mark Twain captured our actions well: "There must be two Americas: one that sets the captive free, and one that takes a once-captive's new freedom away from him, and picks a quarrel with him with nothing to found it on; then kills him to get his land."

Arcata residents and City Council members standing for removal of the statue are standing against global imperialism and against white supremacy.

Diane Ryerson & Walt Paniak
Arcata

Trump's tempest in a D cup

Donald Trump continually stirs up controversy, but it has yet to derail him. As candidate, he publicly disparaged a disabled reporter; and for her looks, fellow candidate Carly Fiorina. There was also a video released showing Trump bragging about prior lewd behavior toward women. Regardless, he was still able to pull off a victory.

As president, controversy continued. His business holdings were so vast many claimed he still had conflicts of interest even after transferring control. His steadfast withholding of personal tax returns additionally clouded this issue.

Controversial also were the appointments of his son-in-law as a key senior advisor and his daughter as an unpaid assistant. He often chose as department heads individuals who had disdain for the very departments they were to lead. And Trump fired FBI Director James Comey, possibly for his displeasure with Comey's investigation into US election interference by Russia. This led to the eventual appointment of Robert Mueller as Special Counsel to continue the investigation which may yet trap Trump in its web.

But what could turn out to be most significant is the current lawsuit by Stephanie Clifford (aka "Stormy" Daniels) the rather bosomy stripper who alleges she had an affair with Trump for a time starting in 2006.

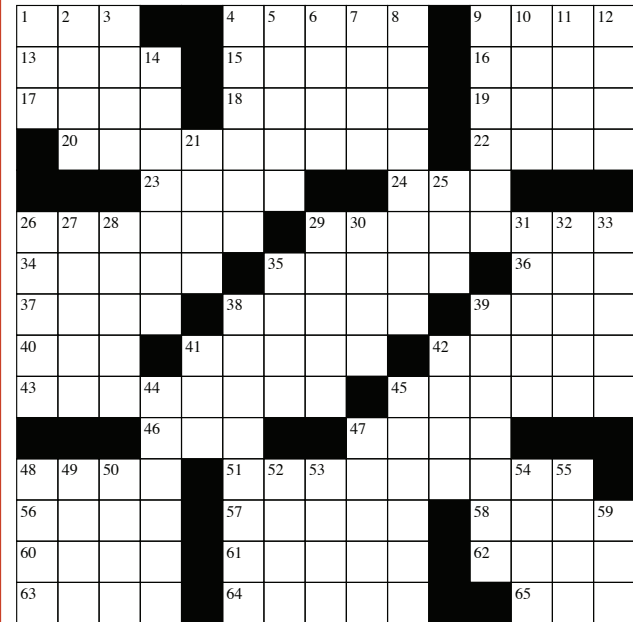
The affair itself is not the controversy as much as the fact that Trump's personal attorney covertly paid Clifford \$130,000 of his own money shortly before the 2016 election to have her sign a non-disclosure agreement about it. She is now suing Trump in order to legally break her silence claiming the agreement in which they were each identified by pseudonyms should be declared null and void as the Trump pseudonym's signature line was left blank.

If victorious, Clifford's lawsuit might be the first controversy that results in major legal and political damage for Trump; Trump's "Tempest in a D-Cup" you might say.

Sherman Schapiro
Blue Lake

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| 15. ___ pole | 5. Reef deposit |
| 16. Trot or gallop | 6. Preposition |
| 17. Novel home | 7. ___ majesté |
| 18. Came up | 8. May birthstones |
| 19. Pulitzer Prize-winning writer James | 9. Some marbles |
| 20. Smoother | 10. Pen |
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| 29. Commission earner | 25. Car of the past |
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| 40. Road danger | 32. Put on a pedestal |
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| 42. Loud sound | 35. Show up |
| 43. Makes insane | 38. Humiliated |
| 45. 737 and 747 | 39. Categories |
| 46. Prelude or Sonata | 41. Carrier of genetic info |
| 47. Ballet and painting | 42. Lunch orders, for short |
| 48. Piece of wood | 44. Oscar recipients |
| 51. In a manner that lacks purpose | 45. Primps |
| 56. Luau dish | 47. Famous chipmunk |
| 57. Herd | 48. Tread |
| 58. At ___; relaxed | 49. Disabled |
| 60. Mideast title | 50. Cantata melody |
| 61. Shun restaurants | 52. "Dies ___" |
| 62. Crockpot dish, perhaps | 53. Dodger coach Manny |
| 63. 62 Across ingredients, sometimes | 54. Lacking punctuality |
| 64. University personnel | 55. River in Belgium |
| 65. Poet's word | 59. Farm female |



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SUPPOSEDLY A SANCTUARY? Drones, loose dogs and outright attacks on furnishings are among the ways users degrade the environmental values of the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary. Not shown: the slob campers, litterers, thieves and motorcyclists who also do their part.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

City tightens drone regulation at Marsh

Kevin L. Hoover
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – At its March 7 meeting, the Arcata City Council passed Ordinance No. 1500, formalizing restrictions on drone use at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary, City Hall, the Corp Yard and other facilities. Other city parks, including Redwood Park, are not affected by the new ordinance. The ordinance refers to the whirring quadcopters as “Unmanned Aircraft Systems” or UASs. A staff report notes that while the Federal Aviation Administration regulates UAS use, local government retains authority to create regs that promote public health, morals,

safety and general community welfare. Ordinance No. 1500, the report states, allows “city law enforcement action in cases of misuse consistent with federal regulations, while still allowing for recreational and commercial uses.” Federal law already disallows nighttime use of drones, flying over people and flying beyond the user’s sightline, plus speed (87 knots) and height (400 feet) restrictions. The Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary has become a popular spot for recreational drone use and other activities, including unleashed dogs, camping and even motorcycle use, which aren’t necessarily consistent with environmental

values and sensitive habitat. The new ordinance prohibits reckless use, including flying drones over critical city infrastructure at the marsh, which is home to Arcata’s Wastewater Treatment Plant, and Arcata Bay Lands. Police Chief Tom Chapman said the new regs will help clear up confusion as to who citizens should call when drone misuse crops up. City Attorney Nancy Diamond confirmed this, saying the new ordinance empowers APD to enforce restrictions. A couple of UAS enthusiasts who didn’t identify themselves lauded the ordinance, and said neophyte drone users need more education.

Statue | Taken during Mexican Revolution

❖ FROM A1

So how did a 200-year-old Baby Jesus from Guanajuato in Central Mexico end up more than 2,200 miles away in Arcata? The story begins in the late 1800s, when Escher’s grandparents, Methodist missionaries Levi and Sara Salmans, moved to Guanajuato. Their daughters Edith and Clara, according to Escher, became good friends with Chucha Arizmendi, a child who was part of the aristocratic Arizmendi Family in Guanajuato. A member of that family, decades earlier during the Mexican War of Independence, was grievously wounded in the Battle of Guanajuato. He vowed that if his health was restored, he would commission a carving of “El Niño

de Atocha” which would sit on the hand of the Virgin Mary at the local parish. The man’s health did improve, and the statue was carved and placed in the church in about 1817. Some time after the Mexican Revolution began in 1910, Escher’s aunt Edith was approached by Chucha Arizmendi and asked to take the Baby Jesus statue and keep it safe. According to a version of the story written by Escher in 2001, Chucha Arizmendi told her aunt “Edith, I know things are getting very bad here. All the foreigners are leaving. One day you will be leaving... I want to give you our Niño Dios to take with you to the States when you go,



Edith Salmans

as He will be safe there.” In Escher’s telling of the story, her aunt exclaimed “Why, Chucha, I could not *possibly* accept such a gift.” But Chucha replied “You must, as He is not safe here. They are looting and pillaging the churches. And, what is more, I have already done the penance for giving him to you. The only stipulation is that He must always be referred to as the Niño Dios or the Niño de Atocha, and never be treated with lack of respect.” Edith fled Mexico in 1916 and brought the Niño Dios with her. Before she died in 1971, she gave the statue to Escher, her niece. Escher, who moved to Arcata 15 years ago, said the statue was stored in a box and kept in a closet most of the time, but was taken out during Christmastime when she lived in Hillsborough, an upscale neighborhood in San Mateo County. “Every year at Christmastime we got him out and arranged him atop the grand piano with a lovely arrangement of boughs and candles around him for the season,” Escher said. There was always a party and the story of Niño Dios was told. “Everybody always looked forward to our Baby Jesus party around Epiphany,” she said. Although the statue has been in her family for more than 100 years, Escher said she wanted it to be returned to its original church. “I’m 87 years old now and I won’t be here forever, and my son really doesn’t want to take over the responsibility of the Baby Jesus,” Escher said. With the help of her friend Dr. Diane Johnson, Escher explored several options for returning the statue. One idea was for Johnson to travel to Mexico, find the church and hand over the Niño Dios. However, Escher said she was concerned about the statue being seized by customs agents, who might grab the statue and sell it to an antique dealer. Escher said she wanted to be cautious and make sure the Baby Jesus actually got to its church.



HAND OVER During Friday’s meeting, the statue was signed over to the U.S. government, which now owns the relic until it finds its rightful owner. From left, Marie Escher, special agents David Keller and Joe Hong and Dr. Diane Johnson.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Escher and Johnson wrote letters to Pope Francis and Archdiocese of León in Mexico. They did not receive a response. “Diane and I felt that as long as we kept exploring every possible avenue and kissing our frogs as we went along, that eventually one of our frogs would turn into a prince,” she said. Eventually, they contacted Congressman Jared Huffman’s office in Eureka, where a staff member researched the issue and helped set up Friday’s meeting with the Homeland Security agents. Special Agent Keller said that for legal purposes, his agency classified the Baby Jesus as stolen property. The reason for doing this is not to prosecute anyone, but to give his agency the legal jurisdiction to take the item and return it to its owner. Finding the rightful owner will take some research, which is already underway, Keller said. There are several churches in the neighborhood where the Arizmendi Family lived. Escher said she doesn’t know which church it came from. There’s also a question of whether the Baby Jesus is the property of a church, or the Arizmendi Family, if they’re still around. Keller said he is hopeful that the research can be completed and the rightful owner determined within a few weeks. Then his agency will have to determine the best way to hand over the statue.

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HUMBOLDT DEMOCRATS MAKE ENDORSEMENTS The Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee (HCDCC) endorsed Steve Madrone for Humboldt County Fifth District Supervisor, Karen Paz Dominguez for Humboldt County Auditor-Controller and Lathe Gill for Humboldt Superior Court Judge at the HCDCC March meeting. The election will be held June 5. The HCDCC Communication and Education Committee will meet Wednesday, March 28 at 5:30 p.m. at HCDCC Headquarters at 129 Fifth St. in Eureka to discuss endorsement of a resolution to support a Humboldt County Sanctuary Ordinance. All Democrats are welcome to attend.

The Art of the Guitar

Janine Volkmar
MAD RIVER UNION

Michael Walker Guitars is a shop specializing in building guitars based on pre-War Gibson and Martin guitars.

Michael Walker makes each guitar by hand at his workshop in Arcata. Completely by hand. He sends nothing away to be finished or sprayed. The entire process happens at his shop on South G Street.

Except for the parts he makes with his heart.

Here's a man who grew up in Georgia and by the time he was 14 "could build an entire barn by

himself."

One look at his tools, arranged in orderly rows on the walls of his shop, tells of a lifetime of making things with his hands.

From building barns to the fine woodworking required by building guitars has been a journey for Walker.

He and his wife, both from South Georgia, traveled around to such places as Alaska and Colorado, and ended up in Humboldt County in 1998.

Walker had worked for Randy Wood in Savannah, Georgia. "He had a famous guitar repair and building shop. It started in Nashville, across the alley from the



GUITAR MAKER Michael Walker builds customs guitars at his shop in Arcata. JANINE VOLKMAR | UNION

Ryman. He did work for Clapton, Elvis and Johnny Cash."

Walker went back to Georgia where Wood's guitar shop had relocated. "It was a fast-paced shop," Walker said, "and after the first couple of days I knew I was in over my head."

Luckily, Wood took Walker under his wing. "He wanted to do more building, so he gave me the repair work. He would walk me through the repair so that's where I got my chops."

Walker also credits Brooks Otis of Wildwood Music and Phil Crump, the bouzouki builder who

lives on Fickle Hill, for honing not only his woodworking skills but indoctrinating him in the importance of community in Humboldt County.

Now Walker gives back to the community by making his studio a place for concerts and a home for other musicians to work on instruments and to teach. Both Britt Smith and Lyndsey Battle teach at the G Street location. Battle teaches ukulele and guitar and Smith give lessons on the fiddle, the bass, the guitar, and the mandolin, as well as doing violin repairs.

The shop is lined in barnwood and features large sound panels to make the metal building a fine spot for acoustic music. Local artists hang their paintings on the walls. It's a rehearsal space for The Handshakers, a band Walker plays in. And when the weather improves, it's a perfect venue for a musical evening with the back door open to the sky.

"There are lots of places to hear hip hop, jam bands, and reggae. I like turning people on to acoustic music," Walker said. The venue can hold 49 people and has al-

GUITAR ♦ B3



MACK HIGH PLAY Students from the McKinleyville High School Drama Department present the dysfunctional family comedy *Dearly Departed*.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

McKinleyville High's *Dearly Departed* promises a night of laughs

Cheryl Kingham
SPECIAL TO THE UNION

MCKINLEYVILLE— The McKinleyville High School Drama Department is ready to tickle everyone's funny bone with its spring play *Dearly Departed*, a dysfunctional family comedy.

Directed by MHS Drama teacher Steve Nystrom, student actors find themselves telling the story of the beleaguered Turpin family in the backwoods of the Bible belt.

Co-authored by David Bottrell and Jessie Jones, the play shows the audience that living and dying in the South is seldom tidy and always hilarious.

Despite efforts to pull themselves together for their father's funeral, the Turpins' other problems keep overshadowing the solemn occasion: Firstborn Ray-Bud worries himself silly as the funeral bills mount; Junior, the younger son, is juggling financial ruin and a wife who suspects him of infidelity in the family car; their spinster sister, Delightful, copes with death as she does life, by devouring junk food; and all the neighbors add more than two cents.

Performances are today, March 21

DEARLY DEPARTED

❖ **Date:** Wednesday through Saturday, March 21 -24

❖ **Time:** 7 p.m.

❖ **Location:**

McKinleyville High School, 1300 Murray Rd. McKinleyville

❖ **Admission:** \$8 general, \$6 students and seniors

through Saturday, March 24 at the McKinleyville High School Multi-purpose Room, 1300 Murray Rd.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the curtain rises at 7 p.m. Snacks and refreshments are available during the intermission. General Admission tickets are \$8 and \$6 for students and seniors.

In addition to enjoying some fun entertainment, audience members are helping to support the Drama Departments activities which include theater workshops, performances during the year for school, and an educational trip to Ashland, Ore.

A 14-year veteran of directing student

plays at Mack High, Nystrom tells us that "Dearly Departed is like all the best works, it still has a heart that leans toward hope. It certainly has been a hoot to put together."

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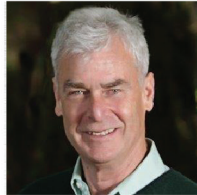
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RECITAL AT HSU Local HSU student and artist Kira Weiss will give a senior recital on cello on Saturday, March 31 from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Fulkerson Recital Hall at HSU, 1 Harpst St. in Arcata. Guest artists include Carol Jacobson and John Chernoff. Admission is free. Reception to follow. kiraweiss707@gmail.com

SUBMITTED PHOTO

New manager in Uniontown

COAST CENTRAL CREDIT UNION

ARCATA – Coast Central Credit Union has announced that Kay Serotta has accepted the position of manager-member services of its Uniontown Arcata Member Services Branch. Serotta will oversee 10 employees and have responsibility for operations, lending and new member opportunities.



Kay Serotta

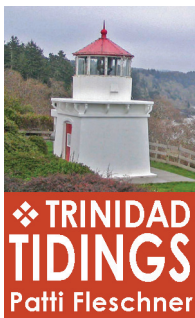
Serotta brings with her 20 years of credit union experience, most recently serving as the Loan Officer/Chief Lending Specialist at Cal State & Federal Employees Credit Union in Eureka. She is a Cum Laude graduate of Humboldt State University as well as a graduate of College of the Redwoods.

Serotta has been active in the community, serving as Board of Directors Chair for the City of Eureka's Housing Authority and Board of Directors President for the Redwood Chapter of the California Credit Union League.

Serotta and her husband reside in Eureka and have three grown children and three grandchildren. In addition to spending time with family, they enjoy helping

Music, pancakes & more in the seaside village

Sylvestris Quartet will perform “Quartet Metamorphosis, Biber-Beethoven” at Westhaven Center for the Arts today, March 21 at 7:30 p.m. The San Francisco Bay Area quartet will perform a program that explores the cyclical transformation and development of the string quartet.



The program centers around two boundary pushing musicians separated by nearly 150 years: Heinrich Ignaz Franz Biber and Ludwig van Beethoven. The quartet also will play

works by Scarlatti, Boccherini, Haydn and Mozart. Admission is \$5 to \$20 on a sliding scale.

Fourth Friday Flicks

The Ox-Bow Incident (1944) is the Westhaven Center for the Arts Fourth Friday Flicks selection. Henry Fonda, Anthony Quinn, Henry Morgan and Dana Andrews are featured in the classic western directed by William Wellman based on a book by Walter Van Tilburg Clark written in 1940. It was an Oscar nominee for Best Picture. Admission is \$5 to \$10. Enjoy the HSU group show of photography and ceramic works called “Human Presence” before or after the film.

Lions Club Breakfast

A Sunday Breakfast and Book Sale hosted by Trinidad Lions Club is planned for March 25 between 8 and 11 a.m. in the Trinidad School cafeteria.

The menu includes hotcakes and eggs with ham or sausage, or a biscuits and gravy breakfast with eggs. Juice and drinks are included in the adult price of \$6. Children dine for \$3.00.

Martha Sue Davis invites diners to browse the wide selection of used books offered at ridiculously low prices while you wait for your piping hot meal.



SYLVESTRIS QUARTET Violinists Anna Washburn and Tyler Lewis, violist Aaron Westman, and cellist Gretchen Claassen.

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Easter Service at

Sts. Martha and Mary Mission

Sts. Martha and Mary Episcopal Mission, on Trinity Street next to Trinidad School, will hold its Easter Sunday, April 1, Holy Eucharist service at 9 a.m. Mtr. Lesley McCloghrie will lead the celebration. All are welcome.

City Council listens

Mayor Susan Rotwein and Councilmembers Dwight Miller, Jack West, Jim Baker and Steve Ladwig and City Manager Dan Berman heard from citizens on a wide variety of subjects last Wednesday night during the “three minute items from the floor” portion of the regular City Council meeting. The McKinleyville High School Senior Prom representatives were there to reassure the public about model behavior on the part of celebrants in Town Hall during the May 19 event.

The possibility of a reexamination of the Verizon cell tower presence on Trinidad Head, the new disabled automatic door-opening button, lighting and safety at Saunders Park, and police hours all were brought up. The main agenda item was recommendations from the Ad-hoc Short Term

Rental Committee with comments from residents who disapprove of STRs and managers who do their best to make sure visitors demonstrate considerate behavior taking up most of the meeting.

The challenge of enforcing ordinances with a small city staff and a part time law enforcement presence continues. Johnna Kitchen, manager for a high percentage of the 25-30 vacation rentals in town, pointed out that with hundreds of visitors accommodated last year, there were hardly any complaints from neighbors, and that there is a detailed screening process that takes place each time a home is rented.

Fairness, thoughtfulness and consideration of others are a tough balancing act in a small town for residents, visitors, rental owners and property managers. The City leadership keeps trying to get it right.

In other city news, there still is a place for one more planning commissioner. Apply at the City Clerk's office, 409 Trinity St. or call (707) 677-0223 for details.

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.

Byers named CFO of bank

REDWOOD CAPITAL BANK

EUREKA – Redwood Capital Bank has announced the appointment of Renee Byers, VP/Controller to VP/Interim Chief Financial Officer, replacing Fred J. Moore, III who recently resigned from the company.

President and CEO, John E. Dalby stated, “Ms. Byers has served as Redwood

Capital Bank's Controller for the past 10 years. She has consistently demonstrated excellence during her tenure and remains true to our mission of providing the highest quality service to both our external and internal customers.”



Renee Byers

Byers was raised in Humboldt County. She has 25 years of banking experience, including the areas of customer service, back office support, human resources and controller.

Byers was a long-time volunteer with the Harbor Lanes Youth Bowlers and is an active volunteer with Redwood Empire Little League. She and her husband reside in Eureka and have two children.

DELL'ARTE MELODRAMA

Melodrama is a heightened, musical form of physical theatre where unbridled passions reign, and where the forces of good in human nature triumph over terrible obstacles. Come join students of Dell'Arte's Professional Training Program as they perform short melodramas of their own devising in An Evening of Melodrama, Thursday through Saturday, March 22 to 24 at Dell'Arte's Carlo Theatre in Blue Lake. Performances are at 8 p.m. each night. All student performances are pay-what-you-can.

FRIDAY NIGHT COMEDY SHOW

Kingpin Comedy is putting on a comedy show Friday, March 23 at E&O Lanes, 1417 Glendale Dr. in Glendale near Blue Lake. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. and the show starts at 9 p.m. The headliner is Chad Opitz. The show will also feature Vincent Chuang from San Francisco. Local

comics Pete Moss and Jessica Grant fill the line up with Kim Hodges hosting. Prizes given away during show intermission include tickets to future shows and other goodies (probably beer)! Kingpin Comedy will also be unveiling their new stage backdrop. Tickets are \$10 in advance and available at tinyurl.com/kingpinchadopitz or at E&O Lanes bar. Tickets are \$13 at the door on the day of show.

FIESTA BALL Amigos de Fuente Nueva (AFN) is hosting its 8th annual Fiesta Ball on Saturday, March 24 from 6 to 10 p.m. at Leavey Hall, 1730 Janes Rd. in Arcata. The event features an authentic tantalizing Cuban dinner, live music by local Afro-Cuban sensation Timbata, no-host bar, dessert, as well as a silent auction and raffles. Event tickets are \$35. Tickets are available at Wildberries Marketplace and People's Records in Arcata, or online at AmigosAFN.org.

CONCERT AT THE SANCTUARY

Jazz-rock band Fox-trot will play at The Sanctuary at 13th and J streets in Arcata on Saturday, March 24. Copies of their new album “Cycle Deliberately,” scheduled for general release on March 24, will be for sale at the show. The 17 songs on the album, their first independent self-released release, were recorded over the course of eight

days in the town of Yucca Valley in San Bernardino County. The album that will take listeners on a journey on a variety of sounds capes and influences. Doors open at 7 p.m., with the show beginning at 7:30 p.m. Admission is between \$5 and \$20 on a sliding scale.

ALL SEASONS ORCHESTRA CONCERT

The City of Arcata Recreation Division is thrilled to announce the All Seasons Orchestra's first concert of the 2018 season will take place on Sunday, March 25 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the D Street Neighborhood Center, 1301 D St. in Arcata. There is no cost to attend. The orchestra will offer a night of beautiful music featuring the Colonel Bogey March by Fred-erick J. Ricketts (Kenneth Alford), Symphony No. 101 (“The Clock”) by Franz Joseph Haydn, Academic Festival Overture Op. 56 Johannes Brahms Suite in E flat by Gustav Holst Lohengrin, Prelude to Act III by Richard Wagner. The All Seasons Orchestra is a community orchestra, open to all ages, that meets Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon at the D St. Neighborhood Center. The All Seasons Orchestra includes strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion instruments, with seasonal performance opportunities offered throughout the year. To become a member there is a \$25 fee for Arcata residents or a \$30 fee for non-residents per season, with scholarships available to those in need. (707) 822-7091, cityofarcata.org/rec.

THE BUMPERS The McKinleyville Low Vision Support group The Bumpers invites the public to the group's meeting on Monday, March 26, from 11 a.m. to noon at Azalea Hall 1620 Pick-

ett Rd., McKinleyville. The topic is “talking prescription labels.” Pharmacist Richard Spini and registered nurse Jane Spini will give a hands-on look at ScripTalk a talking labeling system. Please RSVP by Sunday, March 25 to Doug Rose at (707) 839-0588 or dougdrose@suddenlink.net.

URINETOWN: THE MUSICAL

The Arcata Arts Institute presents the three-time Tony Award winning contemporary comedy, *Urinetown: the Musical*, where water is worth its weight in gold. Show dates are Thursday, March 29; Friday, March 30; Thursday, April 5 and Friday, April 6 at 7 p.m. A matinee show is scheduled for Saturday, March 31 at 2 p.m. The musical will be performed at the Arcata High School Fine Arts Center at 1720 M St. in Arcata. Come experience education through entertainment: great songs, jazzy dances, and a foyer filled with information about our limited natural resources, brought to you by local non-profits. This political satire is directed by Melanie Zapper and Jo Kuzelka, with musical direction by Jo Kuzelka and choreography by Melanie Zapper. Music and lyrics by Mark Hollman and book and lyrics by Greg Kotis. Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$12 for students, with an opening night special March 29 of \$10 for general admission and \$5 for student tickets. Ten percent of the proceeds from the performance on March 30 will go to Engineers without Borders. All performances are located in the Fine Arts Building at Arcata High School. Advanced tickets are available online at tinyurl.com/aa-urinetown or at Wildberries Marketplace.

On The House...



Joanie and John Frederick

HANDLING THE SURPRISES!

Many adjustments can occur in a real estate transaction between the initial meeting of the minds and the completion of the sale. Both buyer and seller can change their minds when finalizing the terms of the contract. This is where engaging professionals to handle the sale of your home makes a big difference. As real estate professionals we view such changes as challenges, rather than problems. Many potential problems are predictable, but anticipating them can minimize their consequences. We can draw on our experience and the experience of our colleagues to ensure a successful closing for the buyers and sellers. When disputes arise, our expertise helps to smooth out the wrinkles and create a win-win situation. A professional, “no-problem, my pleasure” approach to selling real estate makes the difference for my buyers and sellers. We go the extra mile to handle the countless details and to keep my buyers and sellers informed at each step of the transaction. For professional advice on all aspects of buying or selling real estate, call Joanie Frederick, Broker, Azalea Realty, (707) 362-0144, or check out our website at www.azalearealty.com. john@azalearealty.com joanie@azalearealty.com

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Wesleyan Church of the Redwoods

Pastor Chuck Clark

Coffee/fellowship at 10 a.m.

Traditional worship at 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study 7 p.m. Wednesday (Sept. through May)

839-2625
1645 Fischer Rd., McKinleyville

BIRDS N BREW Buy a beer, fund a festival! Join Godwit Days for “Birds N Brew,” a Pints for Non-profits Night at Mad River Brewing Company, today, March 21 starting at 5 p.m. One dollar of every beer sold between 1 and 9 p.m. will support this 23rd annual spring migration birding festival in mid-April. The Kentucky Warblers will play bluegrass between 6 and 8:30 p.m. and food can be ordered from the brewery kitchen. There will also be a bake sale and silent auction.

HUMBOLDT REDWOODS HIKE

The North Group Sierra Club invites the public to a five-mile hike on two trails in Humboldt Redwoods State Park on Sunday, March 25. Carpools meet at 9 a.m. at the Herrick Avenue Park & Ride in Eureka off of U.S. Highway 101 South. Two separate trails, about a mile apart, take us to a view of the Eel River from High Rock (an actual rock along the river), and to a grove of stately redwoods about 1,000 feet above. Bring water, lunch and hiking footwear. No dogs. Contact leader Ned for more info at (707) 825-3652 (message phone) or nedforsyth48@gmail.com. Heavy rain cancels

LECTURE AT HSU Emily Burns from Save the Redwoods League will speak at HSU on Thursday, March 22 at 5:30 p.m., as part of the Sustainable Futures Speaker Series. Burns is the League’s Director of Science, and is also a re-

search associate in the Ecology & Evolutionary Biology Department at UC Santa Cruz. Burns will explore relationships between coast redwood forest restoration efforts and climate change. The lecture is from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in HSU Founders Hall 118.

TRAIL WORK

The City of Arcata’s Environmental Services Department and the Humboldt Trails Council’s Volunteer Trail Stewards are seeking volunteers to help advance the progress of the Arcata Ridge Trail. Participants on this Volunteer Work

Day will begin construction of a new trail in the Sunny Brae Tract of the Arcata Community Forest on Saturday, March 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers are asked to meet at 9 a.m. at the Margaret Lane trailhead, near the Sunny Brae Tract of the Community Forest located just north of the intersection of Margaret and Buttermilk lanes in Arcata. From there, volunteers will walk or drive to the work site. Volunteers with four-wheel drive vehicles that can navigate the access road may be asked to drive to the work site. (707) 822-818, eservices@cityofarcata.org.



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See crossword on page A5

Guitar | Lifetime warranty

❖ FROM B1 ready had some great concerts. Watch for more to come.

But every day new instruments are being built or old ones repaired. The process is fascinating. Each work table (old solid wood doors recycled from the Humboldt State renovation) has something happening on it. Walker uses a variety of woods for his guitars. “The tops are usually spruce and the backs can be mahogany, rosewood, maple or walnut,” he said. He doesn’t go in for inlays or carvings, preferring the simplicity and elegance of wood that has been carefully finished. He uses a French polish approach.

“Most guitars are sprayed with lacquer,” he explained. “French polish is just shellac applied with a pad, by hand. It can take up to 30 hours.”

When guitars are made in a factory, the makers don’t want them being returned under warranty. Hence the heavy finish of sprayed on lacquer. Walker explained that people want that finish because it was what the Martin or Fender guitar companies did. “They don’t realize it was because they were made in a factory.”

Walker’s approach to finishing is “very repairable

but also very fragile.” The sound quality is worth it.

“I bought a guitar from him for a lot of money,” said Jeff DeMark, a local story teller who also plays in La Patinas. “People said, ‘you paid all that money and it has scratches on it.’ I told them, I don’t care, it sounds fantastic.”

Walker offers a lifetime warranty on every guitar he builds.

“What’s special about this guitar,” he said, pointing to a guitar in the \$3,500 price range, “is that it is built to last the rest of your life.”

Repairs are Walker’s bread and butter. People find their grandfather’s old guitar in an attic and he’s the man to bring it back to life. But he also wants to empower folks to do their own repairs. He offers classes so that musicians can take care of their own instruments. The small classes are usually limited to five students and last half a day. “That’s affordable,” he says. “People can learn to take care of their own instruments, and to be able to understand them a bit better.”

His goal is to offer an acoustic guitar building

class.

Walker has a repair journal on his website (mwalkerguitarco.com) that gives a fascinating look into the process for each instrument. Not only are the repairs detailed in fine photography, but the stories of how the guitars came to be damaged are sometimes hilarious reading.

A 1950 Gibson had become a necklace for a patron who was heckling its owner, a professional musician known for his “love of music, stiff drink, and brawling.”

Repairs also have resulted in good fortune for Walker. He’d repaired two guitars that had belonged to Paul Kantner of Jefferson Airplane fame.

Walker was calling around to find out price estimates for the family and reached out to Walter Carter, the owner of Carter Vintage in Nashville. “It’s the center for musical instruments in all of Nashville,” he said. Carter had asked him about his own work and the upshot is that Walker was invited to send one of his handcrafted guitars to Nashville. “It’s a big deal for me,” he said. “It should give me a lot of exposure.”

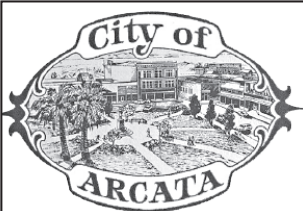
Walker can also adjust guitars as the guitar own-

ers age. “I can make a guitar sound better, and play better. For musicians who have been playing a long time and who are dealing with arthritis or other conditions, I can adjust the action and make the guitar more playable.”

He understands those needs as Walker is a musician as well as a builder. He plays in The Handshakers, formerly known as Rogues’ Gallery, which is playing the Siren’s Song as part of the Redwood Coast Music Festival on Saturday, April 7 from 6 to 7:15 p.m.

Mike Bynum is another Georgia-born songwriter but Walker and Bynum met in Arcata. The band also includes Aleister Paige on pedal steel, Paul DeMark on drums, and Gary Davidson on electric bass. They were a big hit at the Folklife Festival in Blue Lake last summer and have been working on an all-original album due out this spring. Bynum and Walker collaborate on vocals and songwriting, giving this “Americana/alt-country music” an authentic groove. Their voices bring the twang and grit of South Georgia to Humboldt County. That’s a good fit.

mwalkerguitarco.com



Community Development Specialist I/II

I - \$37,619.81 - \$45,727.11/yr.

II - \$41,359.71 - \$50,272.98/yr.

Filing Deadline: 4:00 p.m., Friday, March 23, 2018, This position performs a variety of professional and technical routine to complex activities as they relate to the City’s housing, community, and economic development programs. Application packet available at: www.cityofarcata.org or City Manager’s Office, 736 F Street, Arcata; (707) 822-5953.

❖ EMPLOYMENT

Visiting Angels is seeking Caregivers, CNAs & HHAs to assist seniors in Fortuna, McKinleyville, and Eureka. Part-time and Full-time, flexible hours. Please call 707-362-8045.

LEGAL NOTICES

ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

17-00676
COUNTY OF ORIGINAL FILING: HUMBOLDT
DATE OF ORIGINAL FILING: DEC 26, 2017

The following person(s) was (were) doing business as:

EMERALD GENETICS
4751 WEST END RD.
ARCATA, CA 95521
P.O. BOX 4561
ARCATA, CA 95518
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
RIGHTEOUS INNOVATIONS LLC
CALIFORNIA
201734810253
1203 LINCOLN AVE.
ARCATA, CA 95521
This business is conducted by:
A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
S MATTHEW SMITH LAGGIANO , OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on MARCH. 14, 2018
KELLY E. SANDERS
KL DEPUTY CLERK

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

18-00145

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

EMERALD GENETICS
4751 WEST END ROAD
ARCATA, CA 95521
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
PURE HUMBOLDT
EXTRACTIONS, LLC
CALIFORNIA
201718810180
4751 WEST END ROAD
ARCATA, CA 95521

This business is conducted by:

A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
S TIM CROWLEY
/OWNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on MARCH 13, 2018

KELLY E. SANDERS
SM DEPUTY CLERK

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

18-00139

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

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825 EVANS ROAD
FIELDBROOK, CA 95519
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
EDWARD G.LAIDLAW
825 EVANS ROAD
FIELDBROOK, CA 95519

This business is conducted by:

AN INDIVIDUAL
S /EDWARD LAIDLAW
/OWNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on MARCH 13, 2018

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SM DEPUTY CLERK

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

18-00141

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

JACOBY CREEK FLOWERS

45 FELLOWSHIP WAY
BAYSIDE, CA 95524
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

VIRGINIA L. RYDER
1930 BIRD AVE.
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519

This business is conducted by:

AN INDIVIDUAL
S /VIRGINIA L. RYDER
/OWNER

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

18-00109

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

SAUNA SURROUND YOU
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CARPENTRY
13013 WEST END ROAD
ARCATA, CA 95521
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
JEREMY M. CHAPMAN
13013 WEST END ROAD
ARCATA, CA 95521

This business is conducted by:

AN INDIVIDUAL
S /JEREMY M.CHAPMAN,
OWNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on FEB.. 26, 2018

KELLY E. SANDERS
SM DEPUTY CLERK

314, 321, 328, 44

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

18-00134

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

REDWOOD DENTAL LAB
2339 HARRISON AVE.
EUREKA, CA 95501
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
DARRELL FURTADO
1304 WEST AVENUE
EUREKA, CA 95501

This business is conducted by:

AN INDIVIDUAL
S /DARRELL FURTADO,
SOLE PROPRIETOR

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on MARCH. 8, 2018

KELLY E. SANDERS
SC DEPUTY CLERK

314, 321, 328, 44

ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

15-00515

COUNTY OF ORIGINAL FILING: HUMBOLDT

DATE OF ORIGINAL FILING: SEPT. 1, 2015

The following person(s) was (were) doing business as:

WOLFE PROPERTY
MANAGEMENT
5460 ERICSON WAY
ARCATA, CA 95521
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
MARK V. NELSON

321, 328, 44, 411

830 BAYIDE RD.

ARCATA, CA 95521

This business is conducted by:

AN INDIVIDUAL
S /MARK V NELSON, BROKER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on MARCH. 1, 2018

KELLY E. SANDERS
SC DEPUTY CLERK

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

18-00121

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

WOLFE PROPERTY
MANAGEMENT
5460 ERICSON WAY
ARCATA, CA 95521
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
APRIL L. SCHNEIDER
5460 ERICSON WAY
ARCATA, CA 95521

This business is conducted by:

AN INDIVIDUAL
S /APRIL SCHNEIDER, BROKER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on MARCH. 1, 2018

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

18-00096

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

LEFT COAST PAINTING
130 MONROE LANE
EUREKA, CA 95503
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
PAUL J. BASTON
130 MONROE LANE
EUREKA, CA 95503

This business is conducted by:

AN INDIVIDUAL
S /PAUL BASTON, OWNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on FEB. 20, 2018

KELLY E. SANDERS
SC DEPUTY CLERK

37, 314, 321, 328

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

18-00070

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

EUREKA NATURAL FOODS
EUREKA NATURALS
1450 BROADWAY
EUREKA, CA 95501
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
RICHARD W. LITTFIELD
1450 BROADWAY
EUREKA, CA 95503

This business is conducted by:

A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP
S /RICHARD LITTLEFIELD, PRESIDENT

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on FEB. 5, 2018

KELLY E. SANDERS
SM DEPUTY CLERK

228, 37, 314, 321

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

18-00080

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

NORTH COAST FISHERIES
1 COMMERCIAL STREET
EUREKA, CA 95501
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
PACIFIC CHOICE
SEAFOOD COMPANY
16797 SE 130TH AVENUE
CLACKAMASS, OR 97015
OREGON 058782-85

This business is conducted by:

A CORPORATION
S /LORI BROWNING, CONTROLLER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on FEB. 13, 2018

KELLY E. SANDERS
SM DEPUTY CLERK

228, 37, 314, 321

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF VELIKO MARINOV VELIKOV

CASE NO.: PR180042

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: VELIKO VELIKOV, VELIKO M.VELIKOV.

Petition for Probate has been filed by: VALENTIN MARINOV in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: VALENTIN MARINOV be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)

The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: APRIL 19, 2018
Time: 2:00 PM
ROOM: 6

Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either

(1) four months from the date of

first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for the petitioner: J. BRYCE KENNY
P.O. BOX 361
TRINIDAD, CA 95570
(707) 442-4431
3/7, 3/14, 3/21

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR MEASURE B MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT – RENEWAL FOR PARKS, OPEN SPACE, AND RECREATION FACILITIES

McKinleyville, CA – Eight years ago, McKinleyville property owners redacted Measure B, establishing a local funding source for the community’s parks, open space and recreational facilities. Since that time, the McKinleyville Community Services District (the “CSD”) has levied an annual assessment on all properties in the CSD, providing funding to build Azalea Hall, McKinleyville Activity Center, Teen/Family Center and Hiller Sports Complex and to maintain these and other parks, open space and recreational facilities over the years. Unless extended, Measure B will expire in fiscal year 2017/2018. The expiration of the Measure B assessment would significantly impact the ability of the CSD to continue the current level of operation and maintenance of the community’s parks, open space and recreational facilities. On March 7, 2018 the Board of Directors for McKinleyville CSD approved Resolution 2018-08 Renewal for Parks, Open Space, and Recreational Facilities Annual Levy and Collection of Assessments for Fiscal Year 2018/2019.

The total amount of the assessments to be collected from properties within the Assessment District is \$212,792. This will fund a portion of the CSD’s anticipated \$469,450 annual budget for the operation, maintenance, construction and improvement of parks, open space, trails and activity centers (including incidental expenses for the assessment and any debt issued to fund capital improvements). The CSD will use grants and other funding sources to pay for the remainder of this budget. A more detailed description of the proposed improvements, budget and assessment can be found in the District’s Engineer’s

Report, which is on file with the CSD and available for public inspection. By law, Assessment District revenues can only be spent for the purposes stated. The District will conduct annual financial audits to ensure that revenues are expended as authorized.

The amount of the assessment to be levied against your parcel is printed on the accompanying Assessment Ballot. Assessments were calculated on the following basis: Residential Property: \$30.00 per Dwelling Unit (\$15.00 per Bed for Convalescent/Long-term Facilities only).

Non-Residential Property: \$30.00 per Acre for the first two acres, \$15.00 per Acre for the third and fourth acre, \$7.50 per Acre for the fifth and sixth acre, \$3.75 per Acre for the seventh and eighth acre. Acreage is rounded up to the nearest acre — no extra assessment for above eight acres on a parcel.

Vacant Property: \$10.00 per Parcel

On Wednesday, April 4, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., the Board of Directors of the CSD will hold a public hearing on the assessment at Azalea Hall, located at 1620 Pickett Road, McKinleyville, California.

If you have questions about this notice or the assessment, please contact Greg Orsini at (707) 839-3251.

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CITY OF TRINIDAD PUBLIC NOTICE INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 2018-01; AMENDING SECTION 12.12.030 AND 12.12.040 OF THE TRINIDAD MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING DOGS ON TRINIDAD HEAD

I hereby certify that at a regular meeting held on February 28, 2018, the Trinidad City Council introduced Ordinance No. 2018-01, summarized below, amending section 12.12.030 and 12.12.040 of the Trinidad Municipal Code regarding dogs on Trinidad

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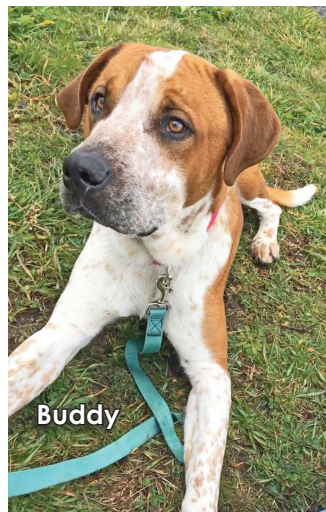
Maybe you are a candidate for volunteering with us at the Humboldt County Animal Shelter or with Redwood Pals Rescue. Volunteers get to play with the cats and dogs at the shelter once they are cleared and oriented. Statistics show that there is a positive correlation between volunteer hours and adoption rates for shelter animals! It makes sense when you consider that the more that animals are handled and trained, and the more exposure that they have to a variety of individuals, the more likely they are to find adopters.

Studies show that human contact actually lowers stress for the animals, which is a great thing for animals in shelters. There

are many ways to volunteer, ranging from folding blankets and towels or stuffing Kong toys to taking dogs to training classes.

Our volunteers also enjoy taking photos and sharing their impressions of the dogs and cats, which also helps get the word out about the great animals we have available for adoption. Stop in at the shelter to pick up an application or email us at redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com if you'd like us to send you one. We'd love to have you join us!

Our volunteer Ted Pease has a way with words and takes great photographs also. Here is his take on one of our newer residents, Buddy: "OK, so I'm fickle, and easily wooed by a pretty, fuzzy face. My newest favorite is Buddy, a 3-year-old Treeing Walker Coonhound. He's a lovely boy, and what a tall drink of water. He's pretty good on the leash, not a puller, but he doesn't really know how big he is, and when he wants to go somewhere, he goes. He's friendly and interested with other dogs, and it



turns out he thinks he's a lap dog — all 100+ pounds of him. I really like this dog. Sweet boy."

Buddy is neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. He may not have had a lot of experience being walked on a leash previous to arriving at the shelter and the volunteers are helping him with that now. We usually see improvement in that area pretty quickly as volunteers apply the training that they have learned.

Come meet this big boy at the Humboldt County Animal Shelter, located at 980 Lycoming Ave. in McKinleyville. More information is available at (707) 840-9132.

Redwood Pals Rescue has volunteers also, some

of whom are also shelter volunteers. Our volunteers help with transporting animals, fundraising, taking dogs to training class, organizational assistance and most importantly, fostering our rescue dogs.

One of our newest fosterers is Tara, who recently adopted a dog from the shelter and found she had time and space to help with another dog in need of fostering. She is caring for our little Roxy and has this to say about her: "I have a foster dog that I want to go to a good home. Her name is Roxy. She is an Italian greyhound mixed with chihuahua, shy at first but warms up quickly. Amazing with



other dogs and kids. Loves to cuddle. She is the definition of a lap dog, but loves to play as well. She is potty trained. We are working on getting her to go in the kennel on command. Once she is in there she is fine. Loves car rides and is a complete sweetheart!"

Roxy is spayed and vaccinated. She is about a year and a half old and weighs about twelve pounds. If you would like to meet this little one, or would like more information about fostering or volunteering, please contact Redwood Pals Rescue at redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com or by calling (707) 839-9692.

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